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Description

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001] The present invention relates to a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, a gene coding for it, and a production method of an amino acid, and in particular relates to a gene having mutation to desensitize feedback inhibition by aspartic acid, and utilization thereof.

BACKGROUND ART

[0002] Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase is an enzyme which is found in almost all bacteria and all plants. The role of this enzyme resides in biosynthesis of aspartic acid and glutamic acid, and supply of C4 dicarboxylic acid to the citric acid cycle for maintaining its turnover. However, in the fermentative production of an amino acid using a microorganisms, there have been few reports on effects of this enzyme has not been made clear (Atsushi Yokota and Isamu Shiio, Agric. Biol. Chem., 52, 455-463 (1988), Josef Cremer et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol.,57, 1746-1752 (1991), Petra, G. Peters-Weintisch, FEMS Microbiol. Letters, 112, 269-274 (1993)).

[0003] By the way, the amino acid is a compound which universally exists in cells as components of proteins, however, for the sake of economic energy metabolism and substance metabolism, its production is strictly controlled. This control is principally feedback control, in which the final product of a metabolic pathway inhibits the activity of an enzyme which catalyzes the earlier step of the pathway. Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase also undergoes various regulations in expression of its activity.

[0004] For example, in the case of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of microorganisms belonging to the genus Corynebacterium or the genus Escherichia, the activity is inhibited by aspartic acid. Therefore, the aforementioned amino acid biosynthesis, in which phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase participates, is also inhibited by aspartic acid.

[0005] In the prior art, various techniques have been developed for efficient production in amino acid fermentation, and fermentative production has been carried out for leucine, isoleucine, tryptophan, phenylalanine and the like by using mutant strains converted to be insensitive to feedback control. However, there has been known neither mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase converted to be insensitive to inhibition by aspartic acid, nor attempt to utilize it for fermentative production of amino acids of the aspartic acid family and the glutamic acid family.

[0006] On the other hand, ppc gene, which is a gene coding for phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of Escherichia coli, has been already cloned, and also determined for its nucleotide sequence (Fujita, N., Miwa, T., Ishijima, S., Izui, K. and Katsuki, H., J. Biochem., 95, 909-916 (1984)).

[0007] Morikawa, M. et al. (1971) *Biochem. Biophys. Res. Com.*, vol. 45, no. 3, pages 689 to 694 discloses the use of a PEP-minus strain to obtain PEP revertants.

[0008] Naide, A. et al. (1979) *J. Biochem.*, vol. 85, no. 2, pages 423 to 432 discloses PEP mutants that have been inactivated by a chemical reagent and which show no sensitivity to the allosteric inhibitor, L-aspartate.

[0009] Kameshita, I. et al. (1978), *J. Biochem.*, vol. 84, no. 4, pages 795 to 803 discloses chemically modified PEP mutants that are desensitised against L-aspartate.

[0010] An object of the present invention is to provide a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase with substantially desensitized feedback inhibition by aspartic acid, a gene conding for it, and a utilization method thereof.

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

[0011] As a result of diligent investigation in order to achieve the aforementioned object, the present inventors have found that the inhibition by aspartic acid is substantially desensitized by replacing an amino acid at a specified site of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of Escherichia coli with another amino acid, succeeded in obtaining a gene coding for such a mutant enzyme, and arrived at completion of the present invention.

[0012] Namely, the present invention lies in a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, which originates from a microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia and a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase originating from a microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia and being desensitised in its feedback inhibition by aspartic acid, wherein said mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase is resistant to a compound selected from 3-bromopyruvate, aspartic acid-β-hydrazide and DL-threo-β-hydroxyaspartic acid.

[0013] The present invention further provides microorganisms belonging to the genus Escherichia or coryneform bacteria harboring the DNA fragment, and a method of producing an amino acid wherein any of these microorganisms is cultivated in a preferable medium, and the amino acid selected from L-lysine, L-threonine, L-methionine, L-isoleucine, L-glutamic acid, L-arginine and L-proline is separated from the medium.

[0014] Incidentally, in this specification, the DNA sequence coding for the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, or a DNA sequence containing a promoter in addition thereto is occasionally merely referred to as "DNA sequence of

the present invention", "mutant gene" or "phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene."

[0015] The present invention will be explained in detail hereinafter.

<1> Mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase

[0016] The mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention (hereinafter simply referred to as "mutant enzyme") lies in the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia, which has mutation to desensitize the feedback inhibition by aspartic acid.

[0017] Such mutation may be any one provided that the aforementioned feedback inhibition is substantially desensitized without losing the enzyme activity of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.

[0018] More concretely, there may be exemplified, as counted from the N-terminus of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase:

(1) mutation to replace 625th glutamic acid with lysine;
(2) mutation to replace 222th arginine with histidine and 223th glutamic acid with lysine, respectively;
(3) mutation to replace 288th serine with phenylalanine, 289th glutamic acid with lysine, 551th methionine with isoleucine and 804th glutamic acid with lysine, respectively;
(4) mutation to replace 867th alanine with threonine;
(5) mutation to replace 438th arginine with cysteine; and
(6) mutation to replace 620th lysine with serine.

[0019] Incidentally, as the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia, an amino acid sequence, which is deduced from a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene of Escherichia coli (Fujita, N., Miwa, T., Ishijima, S., Izui, K. and Katsuki, H., J. Biochem., 95, 909-916 (1984)), is shown in SEQ ID NO:2 in the Sequence listing. In addition, an entire nucleotide sequence of a plasmid pT2, which contains the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene of Escherichia coli, is shown in SEQ ID NO:1 together with the amino acid sequence.

[0020] The aforementioned mutant enzymes are encoded by DNA sequences of the present invention described below, which are produced by expressing the DNA sequences in Escherichia coli and the like.

<2> DNA sequence of the present invention and microorganisms harboring the same

[0021] The DNA sequence of the present invention is DNA sequences coding for the aforementioned mutant enzymes, and has mutation to desensitize feedback inhibition of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase by aspartic acid in coding regions in DNA fragments coding for phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia.

[0022] Concretely, there may be exemplified a DNA Sequence coding for the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase having the mutation of any one of the aforementioned (1) to (6), for example, with respect to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, there may be exemplified a DNA sequence having any one of:

i) mutation to convert GAA of base Nos. 2109-2111 into AAA or AAG;
ii) mutation to convert CGC of base Nos. 900-902 into CAT or CAC, and GAA of 903-905 into AAA or AAG, respectively;
iii) mutation to convert TCT of base Nos. 1098-1100 into TTT or TTC, GAA of 1101-1103 into AAA or AAG, ATG of 1887-1889 into ATT, ATC or ATA, and GAA of 2646-2648 into AAA or AAG, respectively;
iv) mutation to convert GCG of 2835-2837 into any one of ACT, ACC, ACA and ACG; and
v) mutation to convert CGT of 1548-1550 into TGT or TGC; and
vi) mutation to convert AAA of 2094-2096 into TCT, TCC, TCA or TCG.

[0023] Such a mutant gene is obtained such that a recombinant DNA, which is obtained by ligating a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene as a wild type enzyme gene or having another mutation with a vector DNA adaptable to a host, is subjected to a mutation treatment, to perform screening from transformants by the recombinant DNA. Alternatively, it is also acceptable that a microorganism which produces a wild type enzyme is subjected to a mutation treatment, a mutant strain which produces a mutant enzyme is created, and then a mutant gene is screened from the mutant strain. For the mutation treatment of the recombinant DNA, hydroxylamine and the like may be used. Further, when an microorganism itself is subjected to a mutation treatment, a drug or a method usually used for artificial mutation may be used.

[0024] Further, in accordance with methods such as the Overlapping Extension method (Ho, S. N., Hunt, H. D., Horton, R. M., Pullen, J. K. and Pease, L. R., Gene, 77, 51-59 (1989)), the site specific mutation method (Kramer, W.

and Frits, H. J., Meth. in Enzymol., 154, 350 (1987); Kunkel, T. A. et al., Meth. in Enzymol., 154, 367 (1987)) and the like, the aforementioned mutant gene can be also obtained by introducing mutation such as amino acid replacement, insertion, deletion and the like into a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene as a wild type enzyme gene or having another mutation. These methods are based on a principle that a non-mutated gene DNA is used as a template, and a synthetic DNA containing a mismatch at a mutation point is used as one of primers so as to synthesize complemental strands of the aforementioned gene DNA, thereby mutation is introduced. By using these methods, it is possible to cause intended mutation at an aimed site.

[0025] Alternatively, a sequence, which has restriction enzyme cleavage ends at both termini and includes both sides of a mutation point, is synthesized, and exchanged for a corresponding portion of a non-mutated gene, thereby mutation can be introduced (cassette mutation method).

[0026] The phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene, which is the wild type enzyme gene or has another mutation to be used for introduction of mutation, may be any one provided that it is a gene coding for the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia, which is preferably determined for its base sequence and cloned. When it has not been cloned, a DNA fragment containing the gene can be amplified and isolated by using the PCR method and the like, followed by using a suitable vector to achieve cloning.

[0027] As the gene as described above, for example, there may be exemplified a gene of Escherichia coli having been cloned and determined for its base sequence (Fujita, N., Miwa, T., Ishijima, S., Izui, K. and Katsuki, H., J. Biochem., 95, 909-916 (1984)). The sequence in the coding region of this gene is as shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 (base Nos. 237-2888).

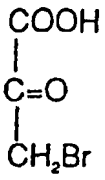
[0028] Screening of a host harboring the mutant gene can be performed by using an analog compound of aspartic acid. The analog compound preferably has the following properties. Namely, it exhibits a growth inhibitory action against a microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia which produces a wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, the aforementioned growth inhibitory action is recovered by existence of L-glutamic acid or L-aspartic acid, and it inhibits wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase activity.

[0029] If a mutant strain beeing resistant to the analog compound mentioned above is selected from microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia, for example, Escherichia coli HB101 producing wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase using inhibition of growth of the microorganism as an index, it is much likely to obtain a host microorganism which produces phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase with desensitized feedback inhibition by aspartic acid.

[0030] It is proposed, as a general structure of an inhibitor of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, that a C4 dicarboxylic acid structure is essentially provided. From such a viewpoint, various compounds were subjected to screening by the present inventors. Escherichia coli HB101 was cultivated in an LB medium, and transferred to M9 media (containing 20 μg/ml of thiamine and 3 μg/ml of each of Leu and Pro) containing any one of DL-2-amino-4-phosphonobutyric acid, bromosuccinic acid, meso-2,3-dibromosuccinic acid, 2,2-difluorosuccinic acid, 3-bromopyruvic acid, α-ketobutyric acid, α-ketoadipinic acid DL-threo-β-hydroxyaspartic acid L-aspartic acid β-metyl ester α-metyl-DL-aspartic acid, 2,3-diaminosuccinic acid or aspartic acid-β-hydrazide, and absorbance of the medium was measured at 660 nm with the passage of time, thereby growth was monitored.

[0031] Further, when these compounds were present at their growth inhibitory concentrations, it was investigated whether or not the inhibition was recovered by addition of nucleic acids (each of uridine, adenosine: 10 mg/dl), glutamic acid or amino acids of the aspartic acid family (Asp: 0.025 %, each of Met, Thr, Lys: 0.1 %).

[0032] As a result, three compounds: 3-bromopyruvate (3BP) (1), aspartate-β-hydrazide (AHY) (2), and DL-threo-β-hydroxyaspartate (βHA) (3) were selected.



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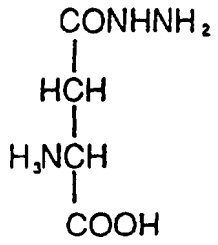

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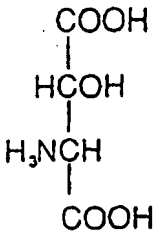

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[0033] Growth inhibition of Escherichia coli by these analog compounds is shown in Figs. 1-3. Further, growth recovery of Escherichia coli, in the case of addition of the aforementioned inhibition recovering substances alone or as a mixture of 2 species or 3 species, is shown in Figs. 4-6. In addition, as a control, growth in the case of addition of the inhibition recovering substance in the absence of the inhibitory substance is shown in Fig. 7. Incidentally, in Figs. 4-7, additives 1, 2 and 3 indicate nucleic acids, glutamic acid or amino acids of the aspartic acid family, respectively.

[0034] Further, inhibition of activity by the analog compound on phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase was investigated. Crude enzyme was prepared from an Escherichia coli HB101 strain in accordance with a method described in The Journal of Biochemistry, Vol. 67, No. 4 (1970), and enzyme activity was measured in accordance with a method described in Eur. J. Biochem., 202, 797-803 (1991).

[0035] Escherichia coli HB101 cultivated in an LB medium was disrupted, and a suspension was centrifuged to obtain a supernatant which was used as a crude enzyme solution. Measurement of enzyme activity was performed by measuring decrease in absorbance at 340 nm while allowing acetyl-coenzyme A known to affect the activity to exist at a concentration of 0.1 mM in a measurement system containing 2 mM potassium phosphoenolpyruvate, 0.1 mM NADH, 0.1 M Tris-acetate (pH 8.5), 1.5 U malate dehydrogenase and crude enzyme. Results are shown in Fig. 8.

[0036] According to the results as above, it is apparent that the aforementioned three compounds inhibit growth of Escherichia coli, this inhibition cannot be recovered by nucleic acids alone, but the inhibition can be recovered by addition of glutamic acid or amino acids of the aspartic acid family. Therefore, these analog compounds were postulated to be selective inhibitors of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase. As shown in Examples described below, by using these compounds, the present invention has succeeded in selection of an Escherichia coli which produces the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.

[0037] When a transformant having an aimed mutant enzyme gene is screened by using the aforementioned compounds, and a recombinant DNA is recovered, then the mutant enzyme gene is obtained. Alternatively, in the case of a mutation treatment of an microorganism itself, when a mutant strain having an aimed mutant enzyme gene is screened by using the aforementioned compounds, a DNA fragment containing the aimed mutant enzyme gene is isolated from the strain, and it is ligated with a suitable vector, then the mutant enzyme gene is obtained.

[0038] In accordance with methods such as the Overlapping Extension method (Ho, S. N., Hunt, H. D., Horton, R. M., Pullen, J. K. and Pease, L. R., Gene, 77, 51-59 (1989)), the site specific mutation method (Kramer, W. and Frits, H. J., Meth. in Enzymol., 154, 350 (1987); Kunkel, T. A. et al., Meth. in Enzymol., 154, 367 (1987)) and the like, conversion of the codon can be also achieved by introducing mutation such as amino acid replacement, insertion, deletion and the like into a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene as a wild type enzyme gene or having another mutation. These methods are based on a principle that a non-mutated gene DNA is used as a template, and a synthetic DNA containing a mismatch at a mutation point is used as one of primers so as to synthesize complemental strands of the aforementioned gene DNA, thereby mutation is introduced. By using these methods, it is possible to cause intended

mutation at an aimed site.

[0039] Alternatively, a sequence, which has restriction enzyme cleavage ends at both termini and contains both sides of a mutation point, is synthesized, and exchanged for a corresponding portion of a non-mutated gene, thereby mutation can be introduced (cassette mutation method).

[0040] The DNA fragment coding for the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase with mutation introduced as described above is expressed by using a suitable host-vector system, thereby it is possible to produce a mutant enzyme. Alternatively, even by performing transformation by integrating the DNA fragment of the present invention into a host chromosomal DNA, an aimed mutant enzyme can be produced.

[0041] As the host, there may be exemplified microorganisms belonging to the genus Escherichia, for example, Escherichia coli, coryneform bacteria and the like. The coryneform bacteria include bacteria belonging to the genus Corynebacterium, bacteria belonging to the genus Brevibacterium having been hitherto classified into the genus Brevibacterium but being united as bacteria belonging to the genus Corynebacterium at present, and bacteria belonging to the genus Brevibacterium closely related to bacteria belonging to the genus Corynebacterium. Incidentally, hosts which are preferable for amino acid production will be described below.

[0042] On the other hand, as the vector DNA, a plasmid vector is preferable, and those capable of self-replication in a host cell are preferable. When the host is Escherichia coli, for example, pUC19, pUC18, pBR322, pHSG299, pHSG399, RSF1010 and the like are exemplified. Alternatively, a vector of phage DNA can be also utilized.

[0043] Further, when the host is the coryneform bacteria, vectors which can be used and hosts which harbor them are exemplified below. Incidentally, deposition numbers of international depositories are shown in parentheses.

pAJ655	Escherichia coli AJ11882 (FERM BP-136)
	Corynebacterium glutamicum SR8201 (ATCC 39135)
pAJ1844	Escherichia coli AJ11883 (FERM BP-137)
	Corynebacterium glutamicum SR8202 (ATCC 39136)
pAJ611	Escherichia coli AJ11884 (FERM BP-138)
pAJ3148	Corynebacterium glutamicum SR8203 (ATCC 39137)
pAJ440	Bacillus subtilis AJ11901 (FERM BP-140)

[0044] These vectors may be obtained from the deposited microorganisms as follows. Cells collected at the logarithmic growth phase are subjected to bacteriolysis by using lysozyme and SDS, and centrifuged at 30000 x g to obtain a supernatant solution from a lysate, to which polyethylene glycol is added to perform separation and purification of the vectors by means of cesium chloride-ethidium bromide equilibrium density gradient centrifugation.

[0045] In order to transform Escherichia coli with a recombinant vector obtained by inserting the DNA sequence of the present invention into the aforementioned vector, it is possible to use a method usually used for transformation of Escherichia coli, such as a method in which cells are treated with calcium chloride to enhance permeability of DNA (Mandel, M. and Higa, A., J. Mol. Biol., 53, 159 (1977)) and the like.

[0046] Further, as a method for transforming the coryneform bacteria, there is the aforementioned method in which cells are treated with calcium chloride, or a method in which incorporation is performed at a specified growth period in which cells can incorporate DNA (report in relation to Bacillus subtilis by Duncan, C. H. at al.). Further, incorporation into bacterial cells can be achieved by forming protoplasts or spheroplasts of DNA recipients which easily incorporate plasmid DNA. These are known for Bacillus subtilis, Actinomyces and yeast (Chang, S. et al., Molec. Gen. Genet., 168, 111 (1979), Bibb et al., Nature, 274, 398 (1978), Hinnen, A. et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 75 1929 (1978)). Additionally, a method for transforming coryneform bacteria is disclosed in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-207791.

[0047] In order to express the DNA sequence of the present invention in the aforementioned hosts, a promoter such as lac, trp, PL and the like which efficiently works in microorganisms may be used, or when the DNA sequence of the present invention contains a promoter of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene, it may be used as it is. Alternatively, when the coryneform bacterium is used as the host, it is also possible to use a known trp promoter originating from a bacterium belonging to the genus Brevibacterium (Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 62-244382) and the like.

[0048] Further, as described above, it is acceptable that the DNA sequence of the present invention is inserted into the vector DNA capable of self-replication and introduced into the host to allow the host to harbor it as a plasmid, and it is also acceptable that the DNA sequence of the present invention is integrated into a chromosome of an microorganism by means of a method using transposon (Berg, D. E. and Berg, C. M., Bio/Technol., 1, 417 (1983)), Mu phage (Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-109985) or homologous recombination (Experiments in Molecular Genetics, Cold Spring Harbor Lab. (1972)). In addition, in order to integrate the DNA of the present invention into the coryneform bacteria, it is possible to utilize a temperature-sensitive plasmid disclosed in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 5-7491.

[0049] When the microorganism transformed with the DNA sequence of the present invention as described above is cultivated, and this DNA sequence is expressed, then a mutant enzyme is obtained. It becomes apparent, by measuring the activity by adding aspartic acid to an enzyme reaction system, whether or not the mutant enzyme thus obtained

has desensitized feedback inhibition by aspartic acid. It is possible for the measurement of the enzyme activity to use a spectrometric method (Yoshinage, T., Izui, K. and Katsuki, H., J. Biochem., 68, 747-750 (1970)) and the like.

[0050] Further, the DNA sequence of the present invention codes for the mutant enzyme in which feedback inhibition by aspartic acid is desensitized, so that the microorganism harboring this DNA sequence can be utilized for efficient fermentative production of amino acids of the aspartic acid family and the glutamic acid family as described below.

[0051] Escherichia coli AJ12907, AJ12908, AJ12909 and AJ12910 harboring the mutant enzyme genes obtained in Examples described below are deposited in National Institute of Bioscience and Human Technology of Agency of Industrial Science and Technology (1-3, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan; zip code 305) on August 3, 1993 under the deposition numbers of FERM P-13774, FERM P-13775, FERM P-13776 and FERM P-13777, transferred from the original deposition to international deposition based on Budapest Treaty on July 11, 1994 and has been deposited as deposition numbers of FERM BP-4734, FERM BP-4735, FERM BP-4736, FERM BP-4737, respectively in this order.

<3> Production method of amino acids

[0052] Amino acids can be produced by cultivating the microorganism harboring the DNA sequence of the present invention in a preferable medium, and separating generated amino acids. As such amino acids, there may be exemplified L-lysine, L-threonine, L-methionine, L-isoleucine, L-glutamic acid, L-arginine and L-proline.

[0053] Preferable hosts into which the DNA sequence of the present invention is introduced to be used for production of each of the amino acids, and a cultivation method will be exemplified below.

(1) Hosts preferable for the amino acid production method of the present invention

(i) Hosts preferable for L-lysine production

[0054] As the host to be used for L-lysine production according to the present invention, there may be exemplified bacteria belonging to the genus Escherichia, preferably L-lysine-producing Escherichia coli. Concretely, a mutant strain having resistance to a lysine analog can be exemplified. Such a lysine analog is those which inhibit growth of microorganisms belonging to the genus Escherichia, however, the suppression is totally or partially desensitized provided that L-lysine co-exits in the medium. For example, there are oxalysine, lysine hydroxamate, S-(2-aminoethyl)-cysteine (hereinafter abbreviated as "AEC"), γ-methyllysine, α-chlorocaprolactam and the like. Mutant strains having resistance to these lysine analogs can be obtained by applying an ordinary artificial mutation treatment to microorganisms belonging to the genus Escherichia. Concretely, as a bacterial strain to be used for L-lysine production, there may be exemplified Escherichia coli AJ11442 (deposited as FERM P-5084, see lower-left column on page 471 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-18596).

[0055] On the other hand, various artificial mutant strains of coryneform bacteria which have been used as L-lysine-producing bacteria can be used for the present invention. Such artificial mutant strains are as follows: AEC resistant mutant strain; mutant strain which requires amino acid such as L-homoserine for its growth (Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 48-28078 and 56-6499); mutant strain which exhibits resistance to AEC and requires amino acid such as L-leucine, L-homoserine, L-proline, L-serine, L-arginine, L-alanine, L-valine and the like (United States Patent Nos. 3708395 and 3825472); L-lysine-producing mutant strain which exhibits resistance to DL-α-amino-ε-caprolactam, α-amino-lauryllactam, quinoid and N-lauroylleucine; L-lysine-producing mutant strain which exhibits resistance to an inhibitor of oxaloacetate decarboxylase or respiratory system enzyme (Japanese Patent Laid-open Nos. 50-53588, 50-31093, 52-102498, 53-86089, 55-9783, 55-9759, 56-32995 and 56-39778, and Japanese Patent Publication Nos. 53-43591 and 53-1833); L-lysine-producing mutant strain which requires inositol or acetic acid (Japanese Patent Laid-open Nos. 55-9784 and 56-8692); L-lysine-producing mutant strain which exhibits sensitivity to fluoropyruvate or temperature not less than 34 °C (Japanese Patent Laid-open Nos. 55-9783 and 53-86090); and mutant strain of Brevibacterium or Corynebacterium which exhibits resistance to ethylene glycol and produces L-lysine (see United States Patent Application Serial No. 333455).

[0056] Followings are exemplified as concrete coryneform bacteria to be used for lysine production:

Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ12031 (FERM-BP277), see page 525 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 60-62994;
Brevibacterium lactofermentum ATCC 39134, see lower-right column on page 473 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 60-62994;
Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ3463 (FERM-P1987), see Japanese Patent Publication No. 51-34477.

[0057] In addition, wild strains of coryneform bacteria described below can be also used for the present invention in

the same manner.

Corynebacterium acetoacidophilum	ATCC 13870
Corynebacterium acetoglutamicum	ATCC 15806
Corynebacterium callunae	ATCC 15991
Corynebacterium glutamicum	ATCC 13032
	ATCC 13060
(Brevibacterium divaricatum)	ATCC 14020
(Brevibacterium lactofermentum)	ATCC 13869
(Corynebacterium lilium)	ATCC 15990
Corynebacterium melassecola	ATCC 17965
Brevibacterium saccharolyticum	ATCC 14066
Brevibacterium immariophilum	ATCC 14068
Brevibacterium roseum	ATCC 13825
Brevibacterium flavum	ATCC 13826
Brevibacterium thiogenitalis	ATCC 19240
Microbacterium ammoniaphilum	ATCC 15354

(ii) Hosts preferable for L-threonine production

[0058]

Escherichia coli B-3996 (RIA 1867), see Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 3-501682 (PCT);
Escherichia coli AJ12349 (FERM-P9574), see upper-left column on page 887 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;
Escherichia coli AJ12351 (FERM-P9576), see lower-right column on page 887 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;
Escherichia coli AJ12352 (FERM P-9577), see upper-left column on page 888 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;
Escherichia coli AJ11332 (FERM P-4898), see upper-left column on page 889 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;
Escherichia coli AJ12350 (FERM P-9575), see upper-left column on page 889 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;
Escherichia coli AJ12353 (FERM P-9578), see upper-right column on page 889 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;
Escherichia coli AJ12358 (FERM P-9764), see upper-left column on page 890 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;
Escherichia coli AJ12359 (FERM P-9765), see upper-left column on page 890 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-458;
Escherichia coli AJ11334 (FERM P-4900), see column 6 on page 201 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 1-29559;
Escherichia coli AJ11333 (FERM P-4899), see column 6 on page 201 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 1-29559;
Escherichia coli AJ11335 (FERM P-4901), see column 7 on page 202 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 1-29559.

[0059] Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the coryneform bacteria:

Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ11188 (FERM P-4190), see upper-right column on page 473 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 60-87788;
Corynebacterium glutamicum AJ11682 (FERM BP-118), see column 8 on page 230 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 2-31956;
Brevibacterium flavum AJ11683 (FERM BP-119), see column 10 on page 231 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 2-31956.

(iii) Hosts preferable for L-methionine production

[0060] Following bacterial strains are exemplified for L-methionine production:

Escherichia coli AJ11457 (FERM P-5175), see upper-right column on page 552 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-35992;
Escherichia coli AJ11458 (FERM P-5176), see upper-right column on page 552 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-35992;
Escherichia coli AJ11459 (FERM P-5177), see upper-right column on page 552 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-35992;
Escherichia coli AJ11539 (FERM P-5479), see lower-left column on page 435 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-144092;
Escherichia coli AJ11540 (FERM P-5480), see lower-left column on page 435 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-144092;
Escherichia coli AJ11541 (FERM P-5481), see lower-left column on page 435 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-144092;
Escherichia coli AJ11542 (FERM P-5482), see lower-left column on page 435 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-144092.

(iv) Hosts preferable for L-aspartic acid production

[0061] Following bacterial strains are exemplified for L-aspartic acid production:

Brevibacterium flavum AJ3859 (FERM P-2799), see upper-left column on page 524 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 51-61689;
Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ3860 (FERM P-2800), see upper-left column on page 524 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 51-61689;
Corynebacterium acetoacidophilum AJ3877 (FERM-P2803), see upper-left column on page 524 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 51-61689;
Corynebacterium glutamicum AJ3876 (FERM P-2802), see upper-left column on page 524 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 51-61689.

(v) Hosts preferable for L-isoleucine production

[0062] Escherichia coli KX141 (VKPM-B4781) (see 45th paragraph in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 4-33027) is exemplified as the bacteria belonging to the genus Escherichia, and Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ12404 (FERM P-10141) (see lower-left column on page 603 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-42988) and Brevibacterium flavum AJ12405 (FERM P-10142) (see lower-left column on page 524 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-42988) are exemplified as the coryneform bacteria.

(vi) Hosts preferable for L-glutamic acid production

[0063] Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the bacteria belonging to the genus Escherichia:

Escherichia coli AJ12628 (FERM P-12380), see French Patent Publication No. 2 680 178 (1993);
Escherichia coli AJ12624 (FERM P-12379), see French Patent Publication No. 2 680 178 (1993).

[0064] Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the coryneform bacteria:

Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ12745 (FERM BP-2922), see lower-right column on page 561 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 3-49690;
Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ12746 (FERM BP-2923), see upper-left column on page 562 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 3-49690;
Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ12747 (FERM BP-2924), see upper-left column on page 562 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 3-49690;
Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ12748 (FERM BP-2925), see upper-left column on page 562 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 3-49690;
Brevibacterium flavum ATCC 14067, see Table 1 on page 3 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 5-3793;
Corynebacterium glutamicum ATCC 21492, see Table 1 on page 3 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 5-3793.

(vii) Hosts preferable for L-arginine production

[0065] Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the bacteria belonging to the genus Escherichia:

Escherichia coli AJ11593 (FERM P-5616), see upper-left column on page 468 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 57-5693;
Escherichia coli AJ11594 (FERM P-5617), see upper-right column on page 468 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 57-5693.

[0066] Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the coryneform bacteria:

Brevibacterium flavum AJ12144 (FERM P-7642), see column 4 on page 174 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-27388;
Corynebacterium glutamicum AJ12145 (FERM P-7643), see column 4 on page 174 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-27388;
Brevibacterium flavum ATCC 21493, see Table 1 on page 3 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 5-3793;
Corynebacterium glutamicum ATCC 21659, see Table 1 on page 3 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 5-3793.

(viii) Hosts preferable for L-proline production

[0067] Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the bacteria belonging to the genus Escherichia:

Escherichia coli AJ11543 (FERM P-5483), see lower-left column on page 435 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-144093;
Escherichia coli AJ11544 (FERM P-5484), see lower-left column on page 435 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 56-144093.

[0068] Following bacterial strains are exemplified as the coryneform bacteria:

Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ11225 (FERM P-4370), see upper-left column on page 473 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 60-87788;
Brevibacterium flavum AJ11512 (FERM P-5332), see column 2 on page 185 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-36679;
Brevibacterium flavum AJ11513 (FERM P-5333), see column 2 on page 185 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-36679;
Brevibacterium flavum AJ11514 (FERM P-5334), see column 2 on page 185 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-36679;
Corynebacterium glutamicum AJ11522 (FERM P-5342), see column 2 on page 185 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-36679;
Corynebacterium glutamicum AJ11523 (FERM P-5343), see column 2 on page 185 in Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-36679.

(2) Cultivation method

[0069] The method for cultivating the aforementioned hosts is not especially different from a cultivation method for amino acid-producing microorganisms in the prior art. Namely, an ordinary medium is used containing a carbon source, a nitrogen source and inorganic ions, and optionally organic trace nutrients such as amino acids, vitamins and the like.
[0070] As the carbon source, glucose, sucrose, lactose and the like, as well as starch hydrolysate, whey, molasses and the like containing them may be used. As the nitrogen source, ammonia gas, aqueous ammonium, ammonium salt and the like can be used. Incidentally, when a nutrient requiring mutant strain for amino acids or the like is used as the host, it is necessary to suitably add the nutrient such as amino acid or the like required by the strain to the medium. An example of the medium for lysine production is shown in Table 1 below as a medium to be used for amino acid production. Incidentally, calcium carbonate is added to other components after being separately sterilized.

Table 1

Medium component	Blending amount
glucose	5 g/dl

Table 1 (continued)

Medium component	Blending amount
$(NH_4)_2SO_4$	2.5 g/dl
KH_2PO_4	0.2 g/dl
$MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	0.1 g/dl
yeast extract	0.05 g/dl
thiamine hydrochloride	1 μg/l
biotin	300 μg/l
$FeSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	1 mg/dl
$MnSO_4 \cdot 4H_2O$	1 mg/dl
calcium carbonate (pH 7.0)	2.5 g/dl

[0071] The cultivation is performed until generation and accumulation of amino acids substantially stop while suitably controlling pH and temperature of the medium under an aerobic condition. In order to collect amino acids thus accumulated in the cultivated medium, an ordinary method can be applied.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0072] Fig. 1 shows growth inhibition by 3-bromopyruvate.
[0073] Fig. 2 shows growth inhibition by aspartate-β-hydrazide.
[0074] Fig. 3 shows growth inhibition by DL-threo-β-hydroxyaspartate.
[0075] Fig. 4 shows effects of inhibition recovering substances on 3-bromopyruvate.
[0076] Fig. 5 shows effects of inhibition recovering substances on aspartate-β-hydrazide.
[0077] Fig. 6 shows effects of inhibition recovering substances on DL-threo-β-hydroxyaspartate.
[0078] Fig. 7 shows influences exerted on growth by growth recovering factors.
[0079] Fig. 8 shows inhibition of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase by growth inhibitory substances.
[0080] Fig. 9 shows inhibition of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention by aspartic acid.
[0081] Fig. 10 shows inhibition of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention by aspartic acid.

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

[0082] The present invention will be explained more concretely below with reference to Examples.

Example 1: acquisition of mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene

[0083] A mutant gene was prepared by using a plasmid pS2 obtained by inserting a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene having been cloned and determined for its base sequence into a SalI site of a vector plasmid pBR322. pS2 has an ampicillin resistance gene as a drug resistance marker gene (Sabe, H. et al., Gene, 31, 279-283 (1984)). The nucleotide sequence of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene contained in pS2 is the same as that contained in the aforementioned plasmid pT2.

[0084] pS2 DNA was treated at 75 °C for 2 hours with a hydroxylamine treating solution (20 μg/ml pS2 DNA, 0.05 M sodium phosphate (pH 6.0), 1 mM EDTA, 0.4 M hydroxylamine). Because of influence by pH on the hydroxylamine treatment, 80 μl of 1 M hydroxylamine·HCl and 1 mM EDTA solution having a pH adjusted to 6.0 with sodium hydroxide, 100 μl of 0.1 M sodium phosphate (pH 6.0) and 1 mM EDTA solution, and TE (10 mM Tris-HCl, 1 mM EDTA) buffer containing 2 μg of pS2 DNA were mixed, to finally provide 200 μl with water.

[0085] The aforementioned condition is a condition in which transformants has a survival ratio of 0.2 % based on a state before the treatment in an ampicillin-containing medium when Escherichia coli HB101 is transformed with pS2 after the treatment.

[0086] Escherichia coli HB101 was transformed with pS2 treated with hydroxylamine, which was spread on a solid plate medium containing ampicillin to obtain about 10000 colonies of transformants. They were suspended in a liquid medium, and spread on a solid plate medium containing any one of 3-bromopyruvate (3BP), aspartate-β-hydroxamate (AHX), aspartate-β-hydrazide (AHY) and DL-threo-β-hydroxyaspartate (βHA) as the analog compounds of aspartic acid at a concentration near a minimal inhibitory concentration to give 10^3 to 10^5 cells per one medium plate, and growing colonies were selected.

[0087] From 100 strains of analog compound resistant strains thus obtained, phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase produced by each of them was partially purified in accordance with a method described in The Journal of Biochemistry, Vol. 67, No. 4 (1970), and inhibition of enzyme activity by the analog compounds was investigated. Measurement of the enzyme activity was performed in the same manner as described above.

[0088] Further, plasmids were isolated from bacterial strains producing mutant enzymes with activities not inhibited by the analog compounds, and were introduced into Escherichia coli PCR1 as a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase deficient strain (Sabe, H. et al., Gene, 31, 279-283 (1984)), to confirm production of the mutant enzymes.

[0089] Five transformants harboring mutant enzyme genes were thus obtained. As a result of determination of base sequences of these genes, 2 strains had the same mutation, and 4 kinds of mutant genes were obtained. The transformants harboring them were designated as AJ12907, AJ12908, AJ12909 and AJ12910, and were deposited in National Institute of Bioscience and Human Technology of Agency of Industrial Science and Technologyl-3, Higashi 1-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken, Japan; zip code 305) on August 3, 1993 under the deposition numbers of FERM P-13774, FERM P-13775, FERM P-13776 and FERM P-13777, transferred from the original deposition to international deposition based on Budapest Treaty on July 11, 1994 and has been deposited as deposition numbers of FERM BP-4734, FERM BP-4735, FERM BP-4736, FERM BP-4737, respectively in this order. Further, the plasmids possessed by them were designated as pBP5, pHA19, pBP122 and pR6 respectively in this order. Mutations possessed by the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase genes contained in each of the plasmids are shown in Table 2. Numerical values in the table indicate nucleotide numbers or amino acid numbers in SEQ ID NO:1.

Table 2

Transformant	Plasmid	Mutation	Amino acid replacement associated with mutation
AJ12907	pBP5	^{2109}G→A	^{625}Glu→Lys
AJ12908	pHA19	^{901}G→A	^{222}Arg→His
		^{903}G→A	^{223}Glu→Lys
AJ12909	pBP122	^{1099}C→T	^{288}Ser→Phe
		^{1101}G→A	^{289}Glu→Lys
		^{1889}G→A	^{551}Met→Ile
		^{2646}G→A	^{804}Glu→Lys
AJ12910	pR6	^{2835}G→A	^{867}Ala→Thr

[0090] Incidentally, selection was performed for AJ12907 and AJ12909 in a medium containing 500 μg/ml of 3BP, for AJ12908 in a medium containing 1000 μg/ml of βHA, and for AJ12910 in a medium containing 500 μg/ml of AHY.

Example 2: mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase

[0091] Sensitivity to aspartic acid was investigated for phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylases produced by the aforementioned 4 transformants. These bacterial strains are deficient in the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene originating from the host, so that produced phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase originates from the plasmid.

[0092] Sensitivity to aspartic acid was investigated in accordance with a known method (Yoshinaga, T., Izui, K. and Katsuki, H., J. Biochem., 68, 747-750 (1970)). Namely, as a result of measurement of the enzyme activity produced by each of the transformants or Escherichia coli harboring pS2 in the presence of acetyl-coenzyme A known to affect the activity in an activity measurement system at a concentration of 0.1 mM or 1 mM, sensitivity to aspartic acid was measured as shown in Figs. 9 and 10.

[0093] According to the result, it is apparent that the wild type enzyme loses its activity when aspartic acid is at a high concentration, while the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention substantially continues to maintain its activity.

Example 3: fermentative production of L-threonine by Escherichia coli with introduced mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase

[0094] As threonine-producing bacteria of Escherichia coli, B-3996 strain (Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 3-501682 (PCT)) has the highest production ability among those known at present. Thus upon evaluation of the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, B-3996 was used as the host. This B-3996 strain has been deposited in Research Institute for Genetics and Industrial Microorganism Breeding under a registration number of RIA 1867. Further, pBP5 was selected as the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase to be evaluated, which was subjected to an experiment.

[0095] The plasmid pBP5 having the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase was introduced into Escherichia coli

B-3996 in accordance with a method of Hanahan (J. Mol. Biol., Vol. 106, p577 (1983)), and a transformant was isolated. As a control, Escherichia coli B-3996 was transformed in the same manner with pS2 as the plasmid to express the wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene.

[0096] When Escherichia coli B-3996 and the transformants therefrom were respectively inoculated in a 500 ml of Sakaguchi flask poured with 20 ml of a medium having a composition in Table 3, and cultivated at 37 °C for 40 hours to investigate a production amount of L-threonine, then results shown in Table 4 were obtained. Incidentally, the aforementioned medium was separated into two: glucose and $MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$, and the other components, and adjusted to have a pH of 7.0 with KOH followed by autoclaving at 115 °C for 10 minutes, and then, after mixing them, separately sterilized $CaCO_3$ was added by 30 g/l.

Table 3

Component	Blending amount (g/l)
glucose	40
$(NH_4)_2SO_4$	16
KH_2PO_4	1
$MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	1
$FeSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	0.01
$MnSO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$	0.01
yeast extract (Difco)	2
L-Met	0.5
$CaCO_3$	30

Table 4

Bacterial strain (g/l)	Threonine production amount
Escherichia coli B-3996	15.7
Escherichia coli B-3996/pS2	15.8
Escherichia coli B-3996/pBP5	16.8

[0097] As clarified from the result, Escherichia coli B-3996/pBP5 harboring the mutant enzyme expression plasmid having the DNA sequence of the present invention had an improved threonine-producing ability as compared with Escherichia coli B-3996/pS2 harboring the plasmid to express the wild type enzyme.

Example4: fermentative production of L-glutamic acid by Escherichia coli with introduced mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase

[0098] As glutamic acid-producing bacteria of Escherichia coli, Escherichia coli AJ-12628 described in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 4-11461 has the highest production ability among those known at present. Thus upon evaluation of the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, AJ-12628 was used as the host.

[0099] The AJ-12628 strain has been deposited in National Institute of Bioscience and Human Technology of Agency of Industrial Science and Technology under a registration number of FERM BP-385 Further, pBP5 was selected as the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase to be evaluated, which was subjected to an experiment.

[0100] The plasmid pBP5 having the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase was introduced into Escherichia coli AJ-12628 in accordance with a method of Hanahan (J. Mol. Biol., Vol. 106, p577 (1983)), and a transformant was isolated. In the same manner, a transformant of Escherichia coli AJ-12628 with pS2 was isolated.

[0101] When Escherichia coli AJ-12628 and the transformants therefrom were respectively inoculated in a 500 ml of Sakaguchi flask poured with 20 ml of a medium having a composition in Table 5, and cultivated at 37 °C for 36 hours to investigate a production amount of L-glutamic acid, then results shown in Table 6 were obtained. Incidentally, the aforementioned medium was separated into two: glucose and $MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$, and the other components, and adjusted to have a pH of 7.0 with KOH followed by autoclaving at 115 °C for 10 minutes, and then, after mixing them, separately sterilized $CaCO_3$ was added by 30 g/l.

Table 5

Component	Blending amount (g/l)
glucose	40
$(NH_4)_2SO_4$	16
KH_2PO_4	1
$MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	1
$FeSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	0.01
$MnSO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$	0.01
yeast extract (Difco)	2
$CaCO_3$	30

Table 6

Bacterial strain	Glutamic acid production amount (g/l)
Escherichia coli AJ-12628	18.0
Escherichia coli AJ-12628/pS2	18.3
Escherichia coli AJ-12628/pBP5	19.6

[0102] As clarified from the result, Escherichia coli AJ-12628/pBP5 harboring the mutant enzyme expression plasmid having the DNA sequence of the present invention had an improved glutamate-producing ability as compared with Escherichia coli AJ-12628/pS2 harboring the plasmid to express the wild type enzyme.

Example 5: production of L-lysine by coryneform bacterium with introduced mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase

[0103] In order to introduce and express the mutant gene in a coryneform bacterium, a promoter originating from a bacterium belonging to the genus Brevibacterium was obtained, and was ligated with the mutant gene to prepare an expression type plasmid. Further, it was introduced into a bacterium belonging to the genus Brevibacterium to perform production of L-lysine.

<1> Acquisition of aspartokinase (AK) gene originating from bacterium belonging to the genus Brevibacterium

[0104] Chromosomal DNA was prepared according to an ordinary method from a Brevibacterium lactofermentum (Corynebacterium glutamicum) wild strain (ATCC 13869). An AK gene was amplified from the chromosomal DNA by PCR (polymerase chain reaction; see White, T. J. et al., Trends Genet., 5, 185 (1989)). For DNA primers used in the amplification, an oligonucleotide of 23 mer (SEQ ID NO:3) and an oligonucleotide of 21 mer (SEQ ID NO:4) were synthesized to amplify a region of about 1643 bp coding for the AK gene based on a sequence known in Corynebacterium glutamicum (see Molecular Microbiology (1991) 5 (5), 1197-1204, Mol. Gen. Genet. (1990) 224, 317-324).

[0105] The synthesis of DNA was performed in accordance with an ordinary phosphoamidite method (see Tetrahedron Letters (1981), 22, 1859) using a DNA synthesizer model 380B produced by Applied Biosystems Co. In the PCR reaction, DNA Thermal Cycler PJ2000 type produced by Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd. was used, and gene amplification was performed by using Taq DNA polymerase in accordance with a method designated by the manufacturer.

[0106] An amplified gene fragment of 1643 kb was confirmed by agarose gel electrophoresis, and then the fragment cut out from the gel was purified by an ordinary method, and was cleaved with restriction enzymes NruI (produced by Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.) and EcoRI (produced by Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.). pHSG399 (see Takeshita, S. et al.; Gene (1987), 61, 63-74) was used for a cloning vector for the gene fragment. pHSG399 was cleaved with a restriction enzyme SmaI (produced by Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.) and a restriction enzyme EcoRI, and ligated with the amplified AK gene fragment.

[0107] Ligation of DNA was performed by a designated method by using a DNA ligation kit (produced by Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.). In such a manner, a plasmid was manufactured in which pHSG399 was ligated with the AK gene fragment amplified from Brevibacterium chromosome. The plasmid having the AK gene originating from ATCC 13869 as the wild strain was designated as p399AKY.

<2> Determination of base sequence of AK gene of Brevibacterium lactofermentum

[0108] The AK plasmid, p399AKY was prepared, and the base sequence of the AK gene was determined. Determination of the base sequence was performed in accordance with the method of Sanger et al. (F. Sanger et al.: Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 74, 5463 (1977) and so forth). Results are shown in SEQ ID NO:5 and SEQ ID NO:7. The DNA fragments have two open reading frames which correspond to α-subunit and β-subunit of AK, respectively. In SEQ ID NO:5 and SEQ ID NO:7, amino acid sequences corresponding to each of the open reading frames are shown together with nucleotide sequences. Further, only the amino acid sequences corresponding to each of the open reading frames are shown in SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:8.

<3> Preparation of phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase expression plasmid

[0109] SalI fragments of about 4.4 kb containing phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase genes were extracted from pS2 as the plasmid having the wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene and pBP5 as the plasmid having the obtained mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase gene, and inserted into a SalI site of a plasmid vector pHSG399 universally used for Escherichia coli. Manufactured plasmids were designated as pHS2 for the wild type and as pHBP5 for the mutant.

[0110] In order to convert pHS2 and pHPB5 into plasmids to express in Brevibacterium, a promoter and a replication origin of a plasmid for functioning in Brevibacterium were introduced. As the promoter, a gene fragment containing one from 1st NruI site to 207th ApaLI site of the base sequence, which was postulated to be a promoter region of the cloned AK gene, was extracted from p399AKY, and inserted into an AvaI site located about 60 bp before the structural genes of pHS2 and pHBP5 to allow the transcription direction to be in a regular direction.

[0111] Further, a gene fragment to enable autonomously replication of the plasmid in Brevibacterium, namely the replication origin of the plasmid was introduced into a site located on the vector. A gene fragment containing the replication origin of the plasmid was extracted from a vector pHC4 for Brevibacterium (see paragraph No. 10 in Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 5-7491; Escherichia coli AJ12039 harboring the same plasmid is deposited in National Institute of Bioscience and Human Technology of Agency of Industrial Science and Technology, to which a deposition number of FERM P12215 is given), and restriction enzyme sites at both termini were modified into PstI sites by introduction of linkers.

[0112] This fragment was introduced into a PstI site in a vector portion of the plasmid added with the promoter derived from Brevibacterium. Constructed phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase-expressing plasmids were designated as pHS2B for a wild type phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase plasmid originating from pS2 and as pHBP5B for a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase plasmid originating from pBP5, respectively.

<4> Production of L-lysine by using phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase expression type plasmid

[0113] Prepared pHS2B and pHBP5B were respectively introduced into AJ3463 as an L-lysine-producing bacterium of Brevibacterium lactofermentum (see Japanese Patent Publication No. 51-34477). For introduction of the gene, a transformation method employing electric pulse was used (see Japanese Patent Laid-open No. 2-207791). The host strain and transformants were cultivated with shaking for 72 hours at 31.5 °C in a lysine production medium having a composition in Table 7. The aforementioned medium was prepared such that those except for $CaCO_3$ among the components listed in the table were added to 1 l of water, and adjusted to have a pH of 8.0 with KOH followed by autoclaving at 115 °C for 15 minutes, and then $CaCO_3$ having been subjected to heat sterilization was further added. Accumulated amounts of L-lysine in the medium after cultivation are shown in Table 8.

Table 7

Component	Blending amount in 1 L
glucose	100 g
$(NH_4)_2SO_4$	55 g
soybean concentrate*	35 ml
KH_2PO_4	1 g
$MgSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	1 g
vitamin B1	20 g
biotin	5 g

*: product of Ajinomoto Co., Ltd. (trade name: Mamenou)

Table 7 (continued)

Component	Blending amount in 1 L
nicotinic acid amide	5 mg
$FeSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$	0.01 g
$MnSO_4 \cdot 5H_2O$	0.01 g
$CaCO_3$	50g

Table 8

Bacterial strain	Lysine production amount (g/l)
Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ3463	20.0
Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ3463/pHS2B	22.0
Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ3463/pHBP5B	25.0

[0114] As shown in the result, Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ3463/pHBP5B harboring the mutant enzyme expression plasmid having the DNA sequence of the present invention had an improved lysine-producing ability as compared with Brevibacterium lactofermentum AJ3463/pHS2B harboring the plasmid to express the wild type enzyme.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

[0115] The DNA sequence of the present invention codes for the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, and the microorganism harboring this DNA sequence produces the aforementioned enzyme.

[0116] The mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase of the present invention does not substantially undergo activity inhibition by aspartic acid, so that it can be utilized for fermentative production of amino acids subjected to regulation of biosynthesis by aspartic acid and the like.

SEQUENCE LISTING

[0117]

(1) GENERAL INFORMATION:

(i) APPLICANT: Ajinomoto Co. Inc.

(A) NAME:
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(C) CITY: Tokyo
(D) STATE OR PROVINCE:
(E) COUNTRY: Japan
(F) POSTAL CODE: 104

(ii) TITLE OF INVENTION: Mutant Phosphoenolpyruvate Carboxylase, Its gene, and Production Method of Amino Acid
(iii) NUMBER OF SEQUENCES:12
(iv) COMPUTER READABLE FORM:

(A) MEDIUM TYPE: Floppy disk
(B) COMPUTER: IBM PC compatible
(C) OPERATING SYSTEM: PC-DOS/MS-DOS
(D) SOFTWARE: PatentIn Release #1.0, Version #1.25

(v) CURRENT APPLICATION DATA:

(A) APPLICATION NUMBER:
(B) FILING DATE:

(C) CLASSIFICATION:

(vi) PRIOR APPLICATION DATA:

(A) APPLICATION NUMBER:
(B) FILING DATE:

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:1:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 5186
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: circular

(ii) MOLECULAR TYPE: other..genomic DNA and vector DNA
(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO
(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Escherichia coli

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: CDS
(B) LOCATION: 237..2888

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIFTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:2:

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(A) LENGTH: 883 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:2:

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(A) LENGTH: 23
(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULAR TYPE: other..synthetic DNA
(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
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(A) LENGTH: 21
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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULAR TYPE: Other..synthetic DNA
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(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULAR TYPE: genomic DNA
(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO
(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Corynebacterium glutamicum
(C) STRAIN: ATCC13869

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: mat peptide
(B) LOCATION: 217..1482

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:5:

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AAA TAT GGC GGT TCC TCG CTT GAG AGT GCG GAA CGC ATT AGA AAC GTC       282
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            10                  15                  20
GCT GAA CGG ATC GTT GCC ACC AAG AAG GCT GGA AAT GAT GTC GTG GTT       330
Ala Glu Arg Ile Val Ala Thr Lys Lys Ala Gly Asn Asp Val Val Val
        25                  30                  35
GTC TGC TCC GCA ATG GGA GAC ACC ACG GAT GAA CTT CTA GAA CTT GCA       378
Val Cys Ser Ala Met Gly Asp Thr Thr Asp Glu Leu Leu Glu Leu Ala
    40                  45                  50
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Ala Ala Val Asn Pro Val Pro Pro Ala Arg Glu Met Asp Met Leu Leu
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Thr Ala Gly Glu Arg Ile Ser Asn Ala Leu Val Ala Met Ala Ile Glu
                75                  80                  85
TCC CTT GGC GCA GAA GCT CAA TCT TTC ACT GGC TCT CAG GCT GGT GTG       522
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        265                 270                 275
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:6:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 421 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:6:

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            20                  25                  30
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        35                  40                  45
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    50                  55                  60
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                165                 170                 175
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            180                 185                 190
Leu Glu Lys Leu Ser Phe Glu Glu Met Leu Glu Leu Ala Ala Val Gly
        195                 200                 205
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:7:

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(B) TYPE: nucleic acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: double
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULAR TYPE: genomic DNA
(iii) HYPOTHETICAL: NO
(iv) ANTI-SENSE: NO
(vi) ORIGINAL SOURCE:

(A) ORGANISM: Corynebacterium glutamicum
(C) STRAIN: ATCC13869

(ix) FEATURE:

(A) NAME/KEY: mat peptide
(B) LOCATION: 964..1482

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:7:

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO:8:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 172 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: protein
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO:8:

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        35                  40                  45
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    50                  55                  60
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                85                  90                  95
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            100                 105                 110
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        115                 120                 125
Ile Ser Thr Ser Glu Ile Arg Ile Ser Val Leu Ile Arg Glu Asp Asp
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145                 150                 155                 160
Glu Asp Glu Ala Val Val Tyr Ala Gly Thr Gly Arg
                165                 170
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Claims

1. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase originating from a microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia and being desensitised in its feedback inhibition by aspartic acid, wherein said mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase is resistant to a compound selected from 3-bromopyruvate, aspartic acid-β-hydrazide and DL-threo-β-hydroxyaspartic acid.

2. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to claim 1, wherein 625th glutamic acid is replaced with lysine as counted from the N-terminus of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.

3. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to claim 1, wherein 222th arginine is replaced with histidine and 223th glutamic acid is replaced with lysine, respectively, as counted from the N-terminus of the phosphoe-

nolpyruvate carboxylase.

4. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to claim 1, wherein 288th serine is replaced with phenylalanine, 289th glutamic acid is replaced with lysine, 551th methionine is replaced with isoleucine and 804th glutamic acid is replaced with lysine, respectively, as counted from the N-terminus of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.

5. A mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to claim 1, wherein 867th alanine is replaced with threonine as counted from the N-terminus of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase.

6. A DNA fragment which codes for the mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase according to any one of claims 1 to 5.

7. A microorganism having the accession number FERM BP-4734.

8. A microorganism having the accession number FERM BP-4735.

9. A microorganism having the accession number FERM BP-4736.

10. A microorganism having the accession number FERM BP-4737.

11. A microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia or coryneform bacteria, transformed by allowing the DNA fragment according to claim 6 to be integrated in chromosomal DNA.

12. A recombinant DNA formed by ligating the DNA fragment according to claim 6 with a vector DNA capable of autonomously replication in cells of bacteria belonging to the genus Escherichia or coryneform bacteria.

13. A microorganism belonging to the genus Escherichia or coryneform bacteria, transformed with the recombinant DNA according to claim 12.

14. A method of selecting *E.coli* which produces a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase having a mutation to desensitise feedback inhibition of the phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase by aspartic acid, comprising the step of culturing said *E.coli* in the presence of a compound selected from 3-bromopyruvate, aspartic acid-β-hydrazide and DL-threo-β-hydroxyaspartic acid.

15. A method according to claim 14, wherein said mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase is one according to any one of claims 1 to 5.

16. . A method of producing a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, comprising the step of isolating a phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase from *E. coli* selected by the method according to claim 14.

17. A method of producing a DNA fragment which codes for a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, comprising the step of isolating a DNA fragment which codes for a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase from *E. coli* selected by the method according to claim 14.

18. A method of producing a microorganism having a mutant phosphoenolpyruvate carboxylase, comprising the step of introducing a DNA fragment produced by the method according to claim 17 into a microorganism belonging to the genus *Escherichia* or coryneform bacteria.

19. A method of producing an amino acid, comprising . the steps of:

cultivating a microorganism according to any one of the claims 7 to 11 or as obtained in the method according to claim 18, in a suitable medium; and,

separating, from the medium; an amino acid selected from the group consisting of L-lysine, L-threonine, L-methionine, L-isoleucine, L-glutamic acid, L-arginine and L-proline.

Patentansprüche

1. Variante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase, die aus einem zur Gattung Escherichia gehörenden Mikroorganismus stammt und unempfindlich gegen Rückkopplungshemmung durch Asparaginsäure ist, wobei die Variante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase gegen eine Verbindung resistent ist, die unter 3-Brompyruvat, Asparaginsäure-β-hydrazid und DL-Threo-β-hydroxyasparaginsäure ausgewählt ist.

2. Variante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase nach Anspruch 1, worin die Glutaminsäure 625, gezählt vom N-Terminus der Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase, durch Lysin ersetzt ist.

3. Variante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase nach Anspruch 1, worin Arginin 222 und Glutaminsäure 223, gezählt vom N-Terminus der Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase, durch Histidin bzw. Lysin ersetzt sind.

4. Variante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase nach Anspruch 1, worin Serin 288 durch Phenylalanin, Glutaminsäure 289 durch Lysin, Methionin 551 durch Isoleucin bzw. Glutaminsäure 804 durch Lysin ersetzt ist, jeweils gezählt vom N-Terminus der Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase.

5. Variante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase nach Anspruch 1, worin Alanin 867, gezählt vom N-Terminus der Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase, durch Threonin ersetzt ist.

6. DNA-Fragment, das für eine Variante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5 kodiert.

7. Mikroorganismus mit der Hinterlegungsnummer FERM BP-4734.

8. Mikroorganismus mit der Hinterlegungsnummer FERM BP-4735.

9. Mikroorganismus mit der Hinterlegungsnummer FERM BP-4736.

10. Mikroorganismus mit der Hinterlegungsnummer FERM BP-4737.

11. Mikroorganismus der Gattung Escherichia oder coryneforme Bakterien, transformiert durch Einverleibung des DNA-Fragments nach Anspruch 6 in chromosomale DNA.

12. Rekombinante DNA, gebildet durch Ligieren des DNA-Fragments nach Anspruch 6 mit einer Vektor-DNA, die in Zellen der Gattung Escherichia oder coryneforme Bakterien autonom replizieren kann.

13. Mikroorganismus der Gattung Escherichia oder coryneforme Bakterien, transformiert mit der rekombinanten DNA nach Anspruch 12.

14. Verfahren zum Selektieren von E. coli, welche eine Mutante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase mit einer Mutation produzieren, die dazu führt, daß die Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase unempfindlich gegen Rückkopplungshemmung durch Asparaginsäure wird, wobei das Verfahren das Kultivieren der E. coli in Anwesenheit einer Verbindung umfaßt, die unter 3-Brompyruvat, Asparaginsäure-β-hydrazid und DL-Threo-β-hydroxyasparaginsäure ausgewählt ist.

15. Verfahren nach Anspruch 14, wobei die Variante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase eine Variante nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 5 ist.

16. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Variante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase, welches das Isolieren einer Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase aus E. coli, ausgewählt durch das Verfahren nach Anspruch 14, umfaßt.

17. Verfahren zur Herstellung eines DNA-Fragments, das für eine Variante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase kodiert, welches das Isolieren eines DNA-Fragments umfaßt, das für eine Variante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase aus E. coli, ausgewählt durch das Verfahren nach Anspruch 14, kodiert.

18. Verfahren zur Herstellung eines Mikroorganismus mit einer Variante von Phosphoenolpyruvatcarboxylase, welches das Einführen eines DNA-Fragments, hergestellt durch das Verfahren nach Anspruch 17, in einen Mikroor-

ganismus der Gattung Escherichia oder coryneforme Bakterien umfaßt.

19. Verfahren zur Herstellung einer Aminosäure, welches die folgenden Stufen umfaßt:

Kultivieren eines Mikroorganismus nach einem der Ansprüche 7 bis 11 oder eines Mikroorganismus, der nach dem Verfahren gemäß Anspruch 18 erhalten wird, in einem geeigneten Medium und
Abtrennen einer Aminosäure, die aus der aus L-Lysin, L-Threonin, L-Methionin, L-Isoleucin, L-Glutaminsäure, L-Arginin und L-Prolin bestehenden Gruppe ausgewählt ist, aus dem Medium.

Revendications

1. Phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante issue d'un micro-organisme appartenant au genre Escherichia et désensibilisée concernant sa rétro-inhibition par l'acide aspartique, où ladite phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante est résistante à un composé choisi parmi le 3-bromopyruvate, le β-hydrazide de l'acide aspartique et l'acide DL-thréo-β-hydroxyaspartique.

2. Phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante selon la revendication 1, où le 625ème acide glutamique, compté à partir de l'extrémité N-terminale de la phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase, est remplacé par la lysine.

3. Phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante selon la revendication 1, où la 222ème arginine et le 223ème acide glutamique, comptés à partir de l'extrémité N-terminale de la phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase, sont remplacés respectivement par l'histidine et la lysine.

4. Phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante selon la revendication 1, où la 288ème sérine, le 289ème acide glutamique, la 551ème méthionine et le 804ème acide glutamique, comptés à partir de l'extrémité N-terminale de la phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase, sont remplacés respectivement par la phénylalanine, la lysine, l'isoleucine et la lysine.

5. Phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante selon la revendication 1, où la 867ème alanine, comptée à partir de l'extrémité N-terminale de la phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase, est remplacée par la thréonine.

6. fragment d'ADN qui code la phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante selon l'une quelconque dès revendications 1 à 5.

7. Micro-organisme ayant le numéro d'ordre FERM BP-4734.

8. Micro-organisme ayant le numéro d'ordre FERM BP-4735.

9. Micro-organisme ayant le numéro d'ordre FERM BP-4736.

10. Micro-organisme ayant le numéro d'ordre FERM BP-4737.

11. Micro-organisme appartenant au genre Escherichia ou des bactéries corynéformes, transformé par intégration dans l'ADN chromosomique du fragment d'ADN selon la revendication 6.

12. ADN recombiné formé par ligature du fragment d'ADN selon la revendication 6 avec un ADN vecteur capable de réplication autonome dans des cellules de bactéries appartenant au genre Escherichia ou des bactéries corynéformes.

13. Micro-organisme appartenant au genre Escherichia ou des bactéries corynéformes transformé avec l'ADN recombiné selon la revendication 12.

14. Procédé de sélection de *E. coli* qui produit une phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante ayant une mutation pour désactiver la rétroinhibition de la phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase par l'acide aspartique, comprenant l'étape de culture dudit *E. coli* en présence d'un composé choisi parmi le 3-bromopyruvate, le β-hydrazide d'acide aspartique et l'acide DL-thréo-β-hydroxyaspartique.

15. Procédé selon la revendication 14, où ladite phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante est une phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante selon l'une quelconque des revendications 1 à 5.

16. Procédé de production d'une phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante comprenant l'étape d'isolement d'une phosphoénoipyruvate carboxylase à partir de *E. coli* sélectionné par le procédé selon la revendication 14.

17. Procédé de production d'un fragment d'ADN qui code une phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante, comprenant l'étape d'isolement d'un fragment d'ADN qui code une phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante à partir de *E. coli* sélectionné par le procédé selon la revendication 14.

18. Procédé de production d'un micro-organisme ayant une phosphoénolpyruvate carboxylase mutante comprenant l'étape d'introduction d'un fragment d'ADN produit par le procédé selon la revendication 17 dans un micro-organisme appartenant au genre Escherichia ou des bactéries corynéformes.

19. Procédé de production d'un acide aminé comprenant les étapes de :

culture d'un micro-organisme selon l'une quelconque des revendications 7 à 11 ou obtenu dans le procédé selon la revendication 18, dans un milieu approprié ; et
séparation à partir du milieu d'un acide aminé choisi dans le groupe consistant en la L-lysine, la L-thréonine, la L-méthionine, la L-isoleucine, l'acide L-glutamique, la L-arginine et la L-proline.

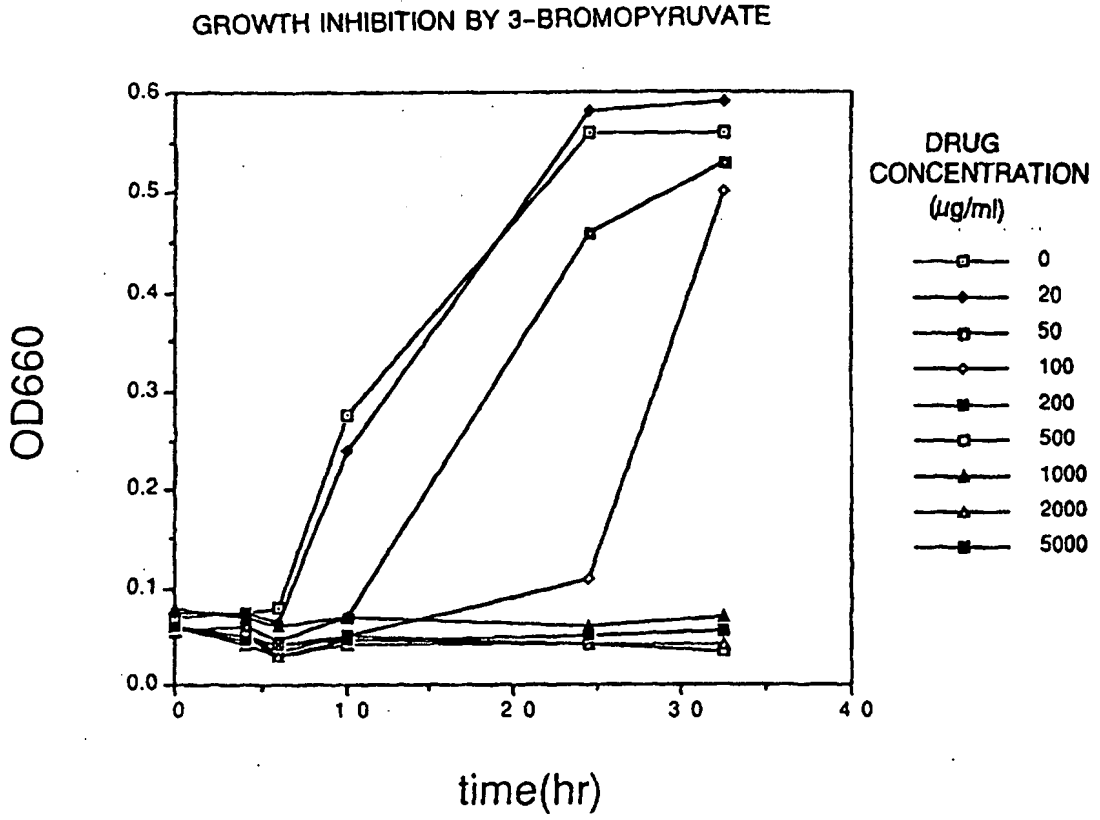
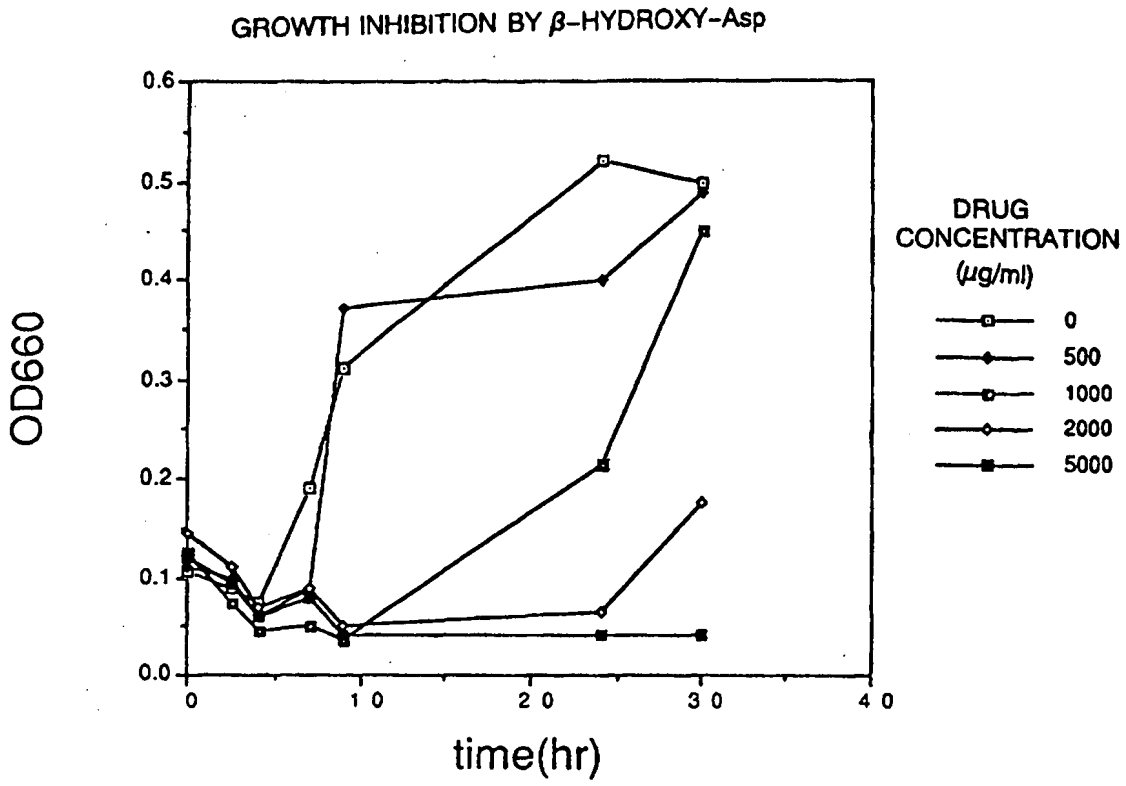

GROWTH INHIBITION BY 3-BROMOPYRUVATE
OD660
0.6
0.5
0.4
0.3
0.2
0.1
0.0
0
10
20
30
40
time(hr)
DRUG CONCENTRATION (μg/ml)
0
20
50
100
200
500
1000
2000
5000

Fig. 1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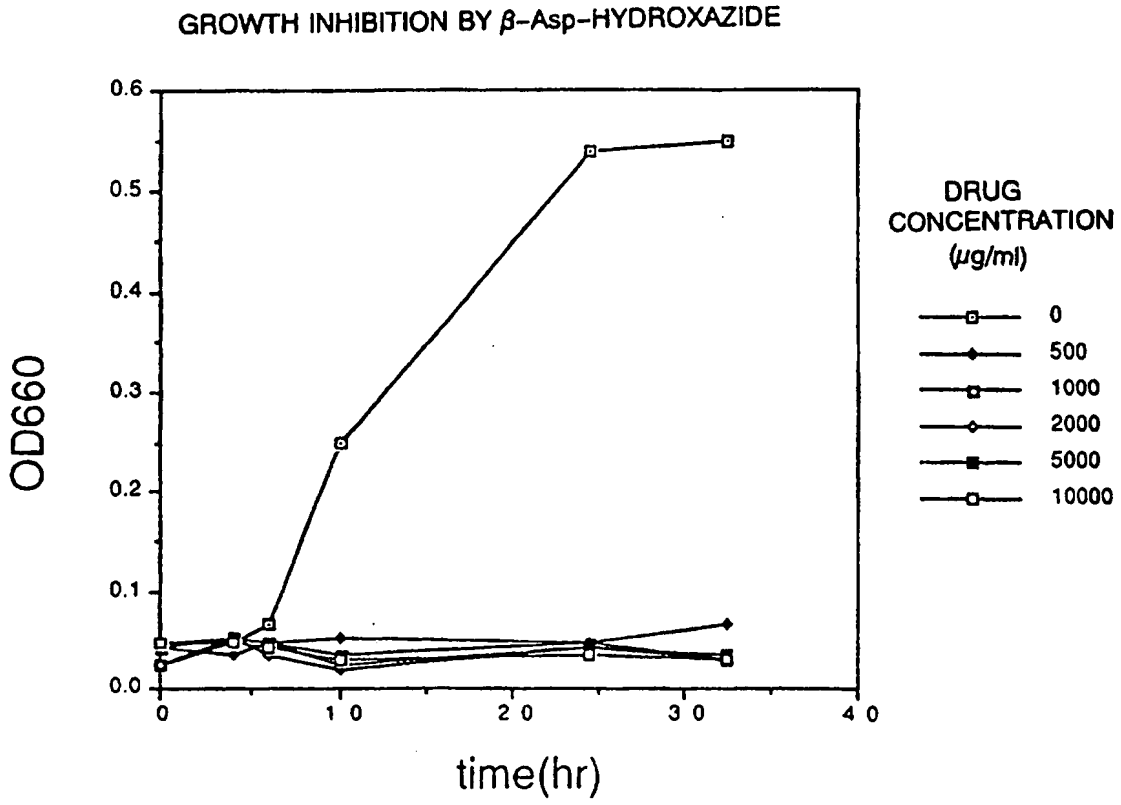
OD660
0.6
0.5
0.4
0.3
0.2
0.1
0.0
0
10
20
30
40
time(hr)
DRUG CONCENTRATION (μg/ml)
0
500
1000
2000
5000

Fig. 2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OD660
0.6
0.5
0.4
0.3
0.2
0.1
0.0
0
10
20
30
40
time(hr)
DRUG CONCENTRATION (μg/ml)
0
500
1000
2000
5000
10000

Fig. 3

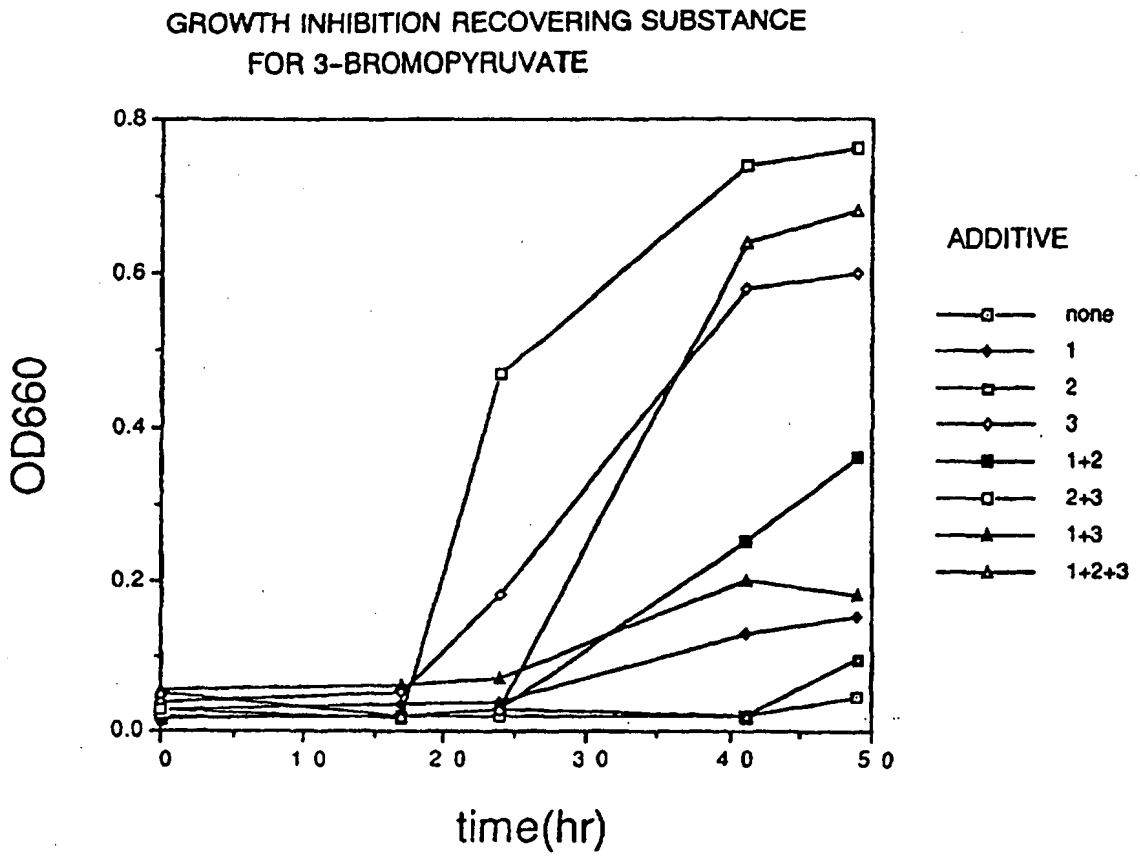

GROWTH INHIBITION RECOVERING SUBSTANCE
FOR 3-BROMOPYRUVATE
OD660
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
0
10
20
30
40
50
time(hr)
ADDITIVE
none
1
2
3
1+2
2+3
1+3
1+2+3

Fig. 4

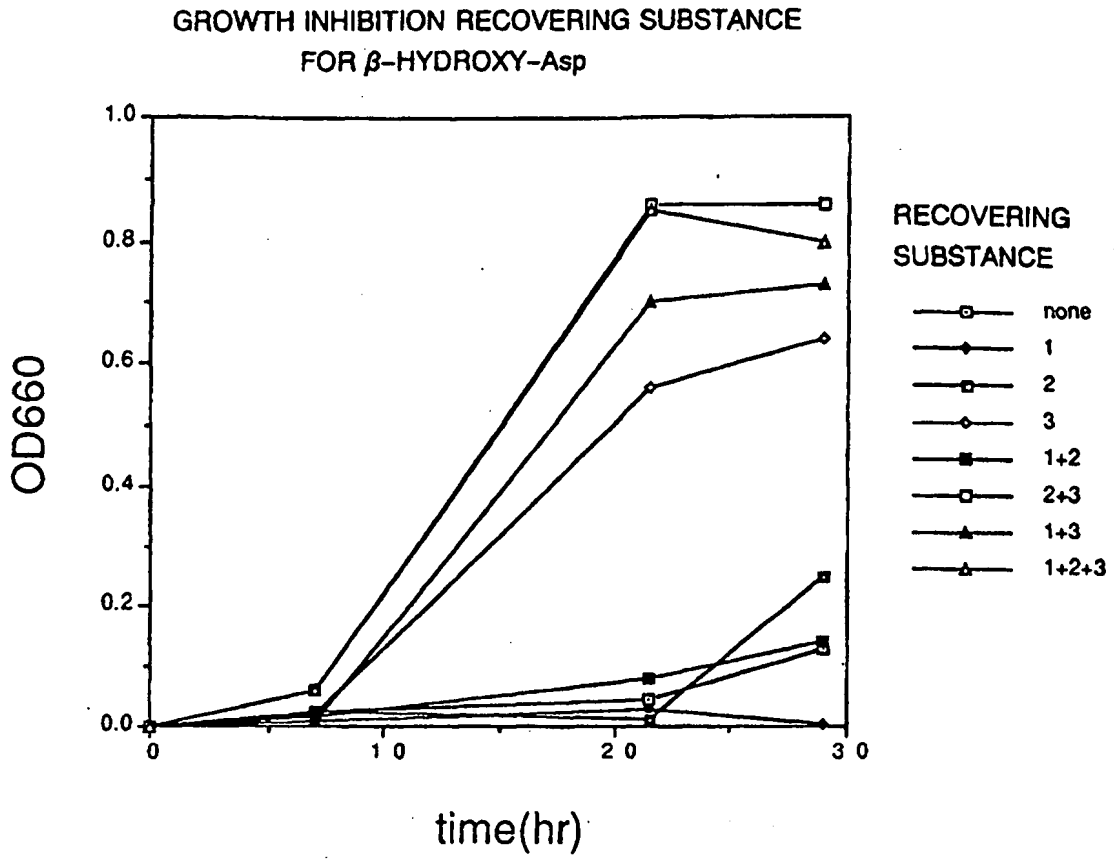
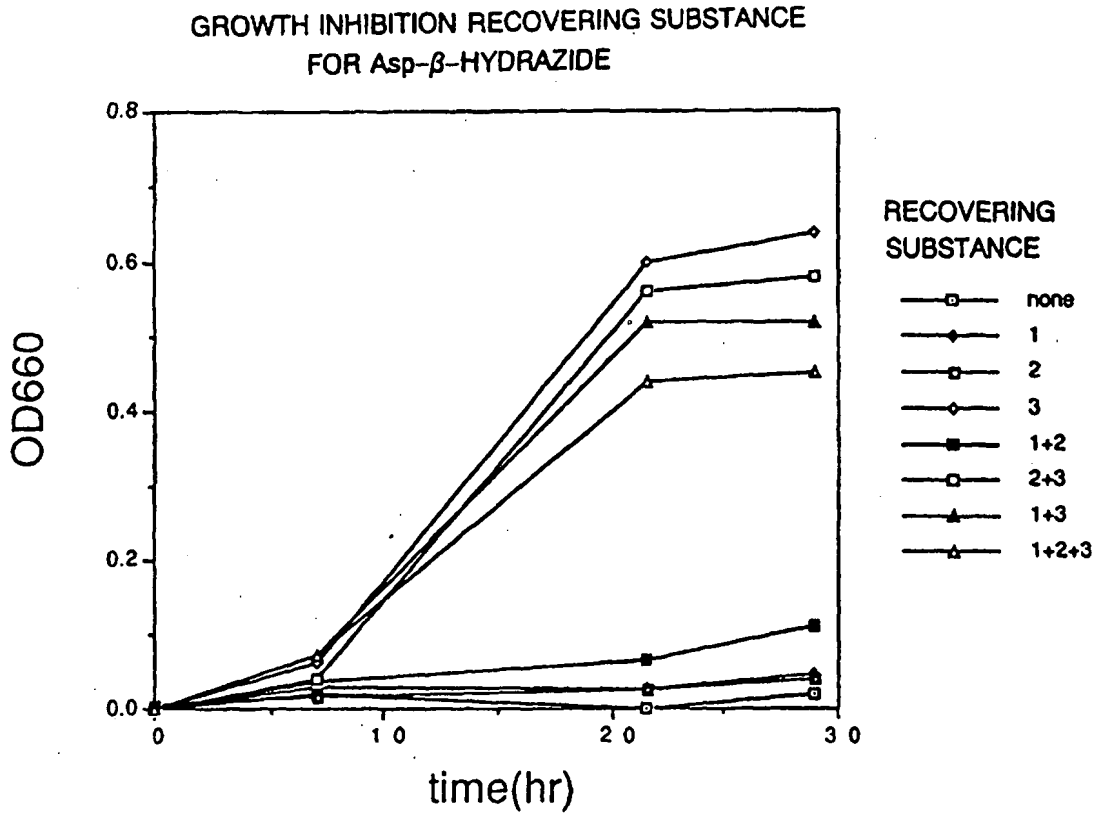

GROWTH INHIBITION RECOVERING SUBSTANCE
FOR β-HYDROXY-Asp
OD660
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
0
10
20
30
time(hr)
RECOVERING
SUBSTANCE
none
1
2
3
1+2
2+3
1+3
1+2+3

Fig. 5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FOR Asp-β-HYDRAZIDE
OD660
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
0
10
20
30
time(hr)
RECOVERING
SUBSTANCE
none
1
2
3
1+2
2+3
1+3
1+2+3

Fig. 6

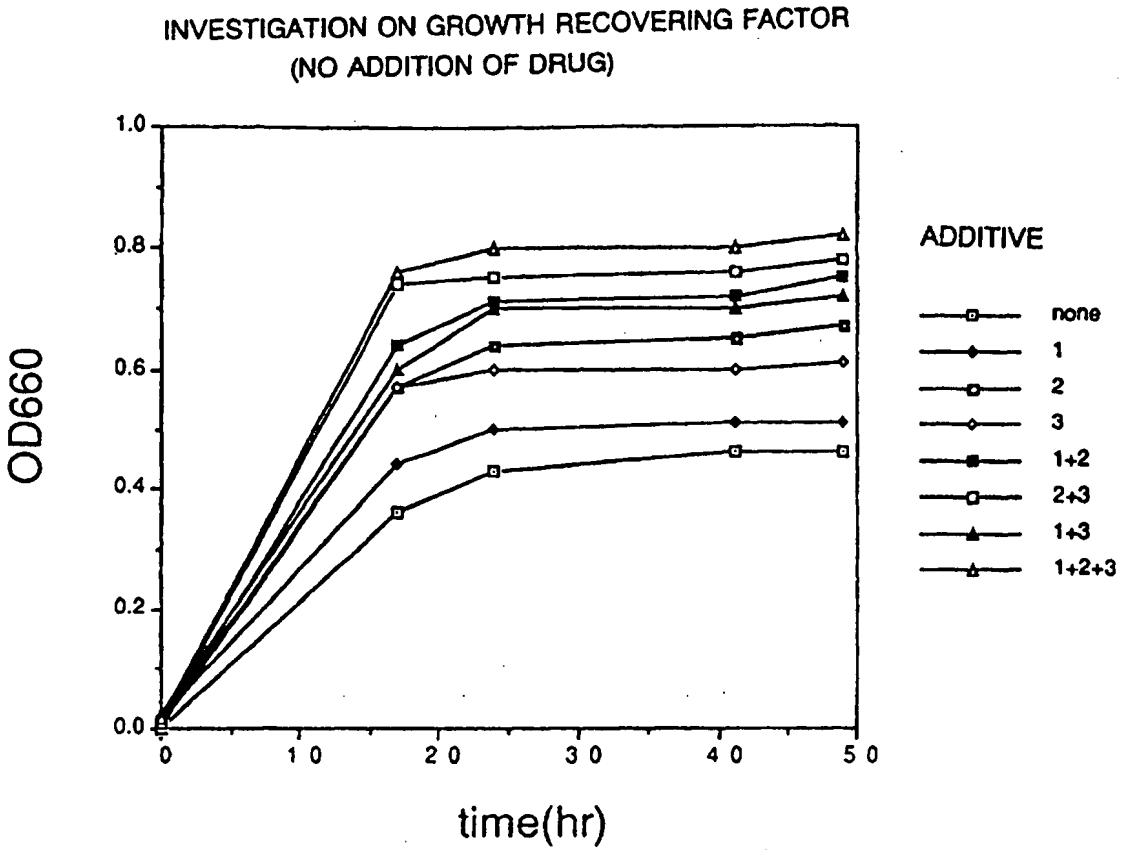
INVESTIGATION ON GROWTH RECOVERING FACTOR
(NO ADDITION OF DRUG)
OD660
1.0
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
0.0
0
10
20
30
40
50
time(hr)
ADDITIVE
none
1
2
3
1+2
2+3
1+3
1+2+3

Fig. 7

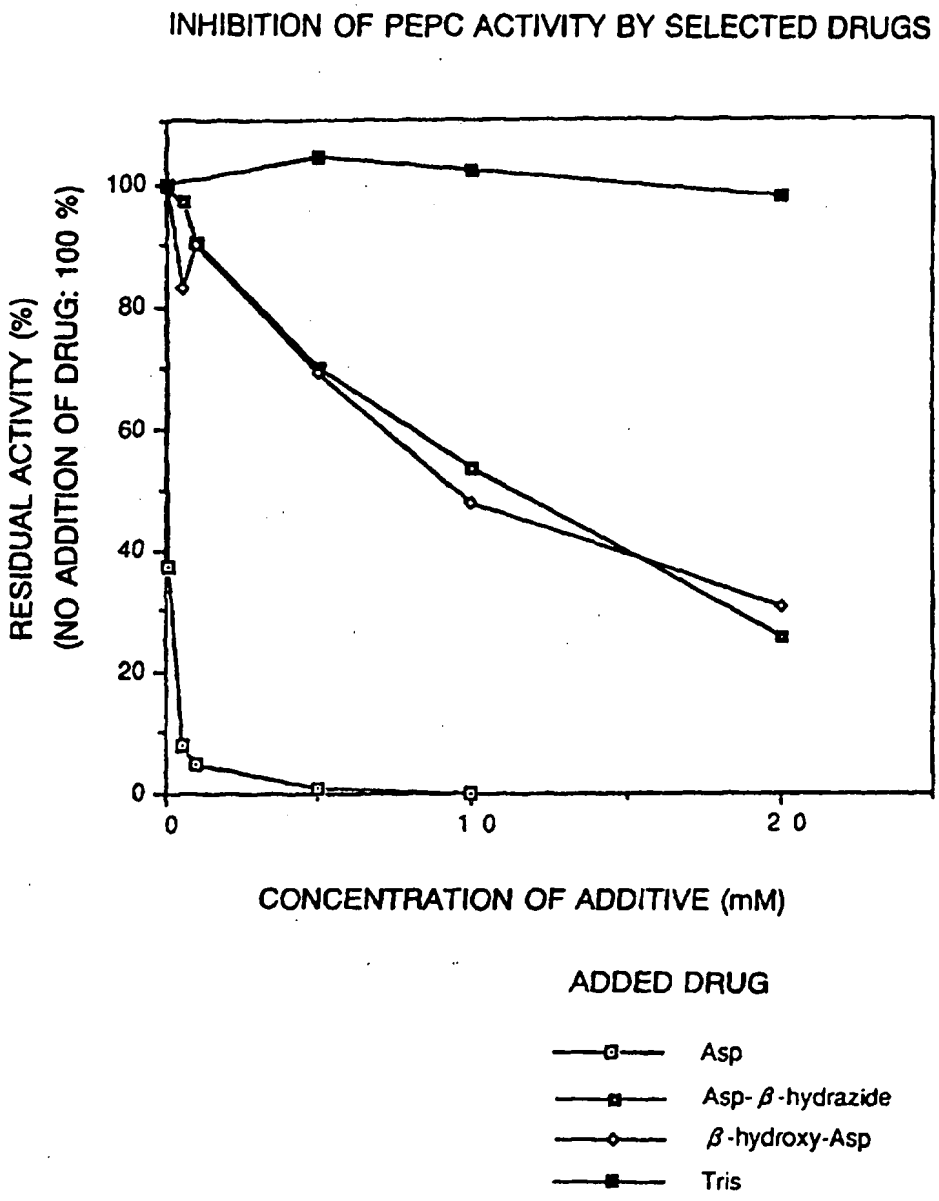
INHIBITION OF PEPC ACTIVITY BY SELECTED DRUGS
RESIDUAL ACTIVITY (%)
(NO ADDITION OF DRUG: 100 %)
100
80
60
40
20
0
0
10
20
CONCENTRATION OF ADDITIVE (mM)
ADDED DRUG
Asp
Asp-β-hydrazide
β-hydroxy-Asp
Tris

Fig. 8

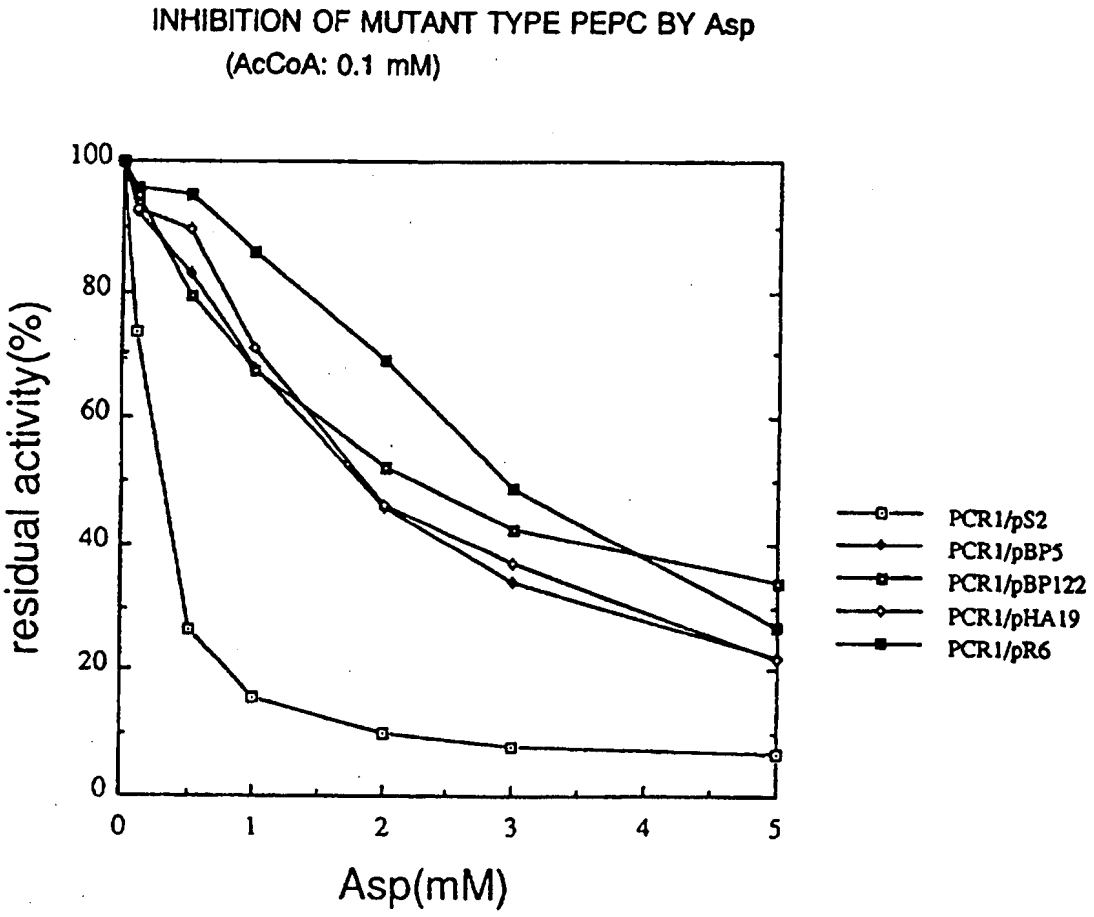
INHIBITION OF MUTANT TYPE PEPC BY Asp
(AcCoA: 0.1 mM)
residual activity(%)
100
80
60
40
20
0
0
1
2
3
4
5
Asp(mM)
PCR1/pS2
PCR1/pBP5
PCR1/pBP122
PCR1/pHA19
PCR1/pR6

Fig. 9

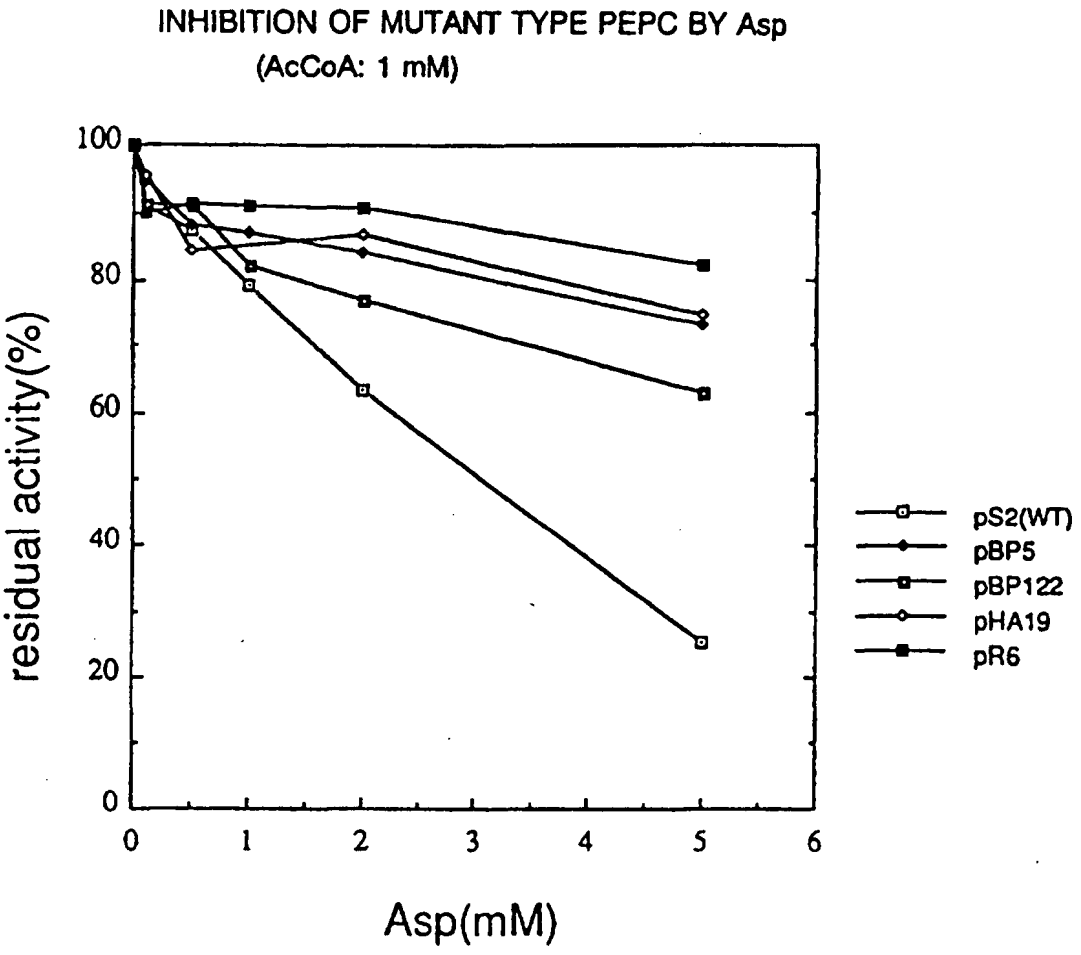
INHIBITION OF MUTANT TYPE PEPC BY Asp
(AcCoA: 1 mM)
residual activity(%)
100
80
60
40
20
0
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
Asp(mM)
pS2(WT)
pBP5
pBP122
pHA19
pR6

Fig. 10